

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Sir Thomas Biddulph, February 1, 1878

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THE QUEEN AND THE TELEPHONE.

The following correspondence has passed between Sir Thomas Biddulph and Professor Bell:

Osborne, Jan. 16, 1878.

My Dear Sir, —i hope you are aware how much gratified and surprised the Queen was at the exhibition of the Telephone here on Monday evening. Her Majesty desires me to express her thanks to you and the ladies and gentlemen who were associated with you on the occasion. The Queen would like, if there is no reason against it, to purchase the two instruments which are still here with the wires, &c., attached. Perhaps you will be so kind as to let me know to whom the sum due should be paid.

I am, my dear Sir, Very faithfully yours, Prof. Alex. Graham Bell. Thos. Biddulph.

57, Cromwell-road, Kensington, Jan. 18, 1878.

Sir Thomas Biddulph, Osborne House.

Dear Sir, —i feel highly honoured by the gratification expressed by her Majesty and by her desire to possess a set of Telephones.

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The instruments at present in Osborne are merely those supplied for ordinary commercial purposes, and it will afford me much pleasure to be permitted to offer to the Queen a set of Telephones to be made expressly for her Majesty's use.

Your obedient Servant, Alexander Graham Bell.